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Re: 1:18-cv-08680-PAC-GWG, McGowan v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Dear Counsel,

I have been contacted by Judge Paul A. Crotty, U.S.D.J., who presided over the above-mentioned case.

Judge Crotty informed me that it has been brought to his attention that while he presided over the case, he owned stock in JPMorgan. His ownership of stock neither affected nor impacted his decisions in this case. However, his stock ownership would have required recusal under the Code of Conduct for United States Judges, and thus, Judge Crotty directed that I notify the parties of the potential conflict.

Advisory Opinion 71, from the Judicial Conference Codes of Conduct Committee, provides the following guidance for addressing disqualification that is not discovered until after a judge has participated in a case:

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[A] judge should disclose to the parties the facts bearing on disqualification as soon as those facts are learned, even though that may occur after entry of the decision. The parties may then determine what relief they may seek and a court (without the disqualified judge) will decide the legal consequence, if any, arising from the participation of the disqualified judge in the entered decision.

If you wish to respond to the disclosure of a potential conflict in this matter, please file your response in the above-named case. Any response will be considered by another judge of this court without the participation of Judge Crotty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruby J. Krajick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ruby J. Krajick
Clerk of Court

cc: Hon. Paul A. Crotty, U.S.D.J.